

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2413 without my signature.

In signing Senate Bill 1448, I indicated that I would look to sign a clean-up measure that removed the inconsistencies in the sunset dates for all components of the STAR program, including extending the sunset dates for second grade testing and the norm-referenced test. This bill seeks to only extend the sunset date of the primary language assessment.

Therefore, I encourage the Legislature to approve a bill at the beginning of the next session that extends the sunset date for all of the components of STAR and corrects the drafting errors in SB 1448, including the error which required a program of test preparation. In the intervening period, I expect that educators and administrators will continue the current practice of not conducting test preparation.

Therefore, I am unable to sign this measure.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger